

Center Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1 and 4 PM. Those of you majoring in education that are interested in joining me in this experiment, think about it seriously and stop by the newspaper office and let me know how you feel. If any of you are thoroughly confused about the procedure, but are interested in getting classes when you want instead of when the schedule dictates, stop by and let's talk.

I will publish the results as soon as an indication is returned to me from the Registrar's Office.

Meeting the challenge for achieving excellence

by Dr. Leo Edwards, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Have you really thought about achieving academic excellence? For some students, mediocrity is becoming a substitute for superior performance. You probably know a student or two who merely attend classes, read minimally about their subjects, half-do their homework assignments, never go to the library, and do not participate in university-sponsored events—they hope to “just get by.” These students are not role models, mentors, motivators, nor good examples of what the notion of high achieving students should be about.

Some students may get anxious when they hear words such as scholarship, potential, ambition, achievement, expectations, or grades. But if you just think about it, these words can be inspirational and encourage you to be successful. You may ask, but how? The answer is simple: Develop a plan of action! Good outcomes are based upon hard work, perseverance, and continued intellectual growth, academically and personally. The key ingredients to success in course work are to study—really study, complete homework assignments, be timely, attend class every period, work collaboratively with study groups, seek assistance (such as tutoring, computer assisted instruction...) if needed, and participate in the academic and university activities. There is a wealth of expertise by real people on our campus (faculty, administrators, staff personnel, and other student peers) who are available to assist you reach your educational goals and career plans. To do less than what is required for high level performance is to devalue your opportunity for success at Fayetteville State University and to delimit your progress beyond your university life for graduate opportunities and professional growth. I am challenging you to meet our expectations inside and outside the classroom, but much more importantly for achieving excellence, you must meet your expectations.

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome all students to our 125th year of academic pursuits at FSU. As we begin

this anniversary year, please note that you are part of history, and yet, you are making history. What you do with your time during this year will be chronicled by those who come after you. Let's make it a successful chronicle. If the Office of Academic Affairs can be of any assistance in enabling your success, please feel free to request our assistance.

Attention fellow Broncos

by Kelly Labadie, SGA Secretary

Every year we are bombarded with the potential opportunities that are afforded us as students to positively influence the situations that occur on this campus, in the community, and in our personal lives. We must remember that those situations will continue to plague the university, the community, and our eternal psyche unless we follow through with our original intentions. In our interactions with the administration or local government, we must not allow the “authorities” to superficially investigate the complaint and quietly “sweep it under the carpet”. We have to establish a defiant attitude toward governmental apathy toward constituents and citizens. That attitude can be initiated, exercised, and ingrained right here on the campus of FSU. We are encouraged to attend, and actively participate in, Student Government Association Senate meetings, “Chancellor Speaks” assemblies, and special programs offered by the Counseling and the Career Placement Centers. We must become and remain involved in our school. We must take the initiative to find out the facts about the school's activities. Often, the information is right under our noses, or can be obtained by making a simple phone call.

Don't be afraid to step forward and ask questions or offer solutions. Many times your help will be greatly welcomed and

needed. Allow college to include more than just books and parties. There is a wealth of “things to do” on campus. Use resources such as the Counseling Center, the Career Placement Center, the Fine Arts Department (choir, band, art, speech), the Butler Little Theater, the Student Government Association, the organizations in your major, the greek organizations, the Pep Club, the Early Childhood Centers, or the Rudolph Jones Student Center to enhance your campus life and expand your life experiences. There is a list of organizations in the back of the handbook you received at registration, so give it a look, give it a chance, and give it your all. Get involved!

As a concerned student, you must make your voice heard. Offer solutions and alternatives to difficult situations encountered on campus. Get involved with those organizations or groups that can eliminate or minimize the difficulties. If you have a complaint, come prepared to offer a solution or an idea that may improve the situation. Don't be afraid to let your opinion be known—this school is as much yours as it is the students who were elected to run the student government. Your duty as a student is to make sure that those student government officers represent your interests and do not spend your money foolishly.

Make sure you meet your student body president and her officers and make yourself a part of the plans being considered for the present semester and the rest of the year. Seek out your class officers and find out what plans they have for the current school year. If you reside on campus, seek out your dormitory representatives and determine their plans as well. Offer them your assistance and ideas. The responsibility to make Fayetteville State University the best it can be belongs to everyone. Do your share.

The Student Government Association holds its Senate meeting every other Wednesday at 5 PM in the Student Center's Conference Room. These meetings are open to anyone interested in attending. Input, feedback, questions, suggestions,

and recommendations are welcomed by all.

If you have a particular subject you would like to present to the Senate for discussion, see the Vice President of the Student Government Association to ensure that time is allotted for you to speak. The deadline for submitting these subjects is three days before the next Senate meeting.

Resident assistants, peer assistants, counselors, advisors, and dormitory directors are also great resources of information. If you have a question or concern, you can utilize these resources without fear for your privacy. These individuals realize that the concerns of the student are a personal, and quite private, matter.

Let us not forget our instructors. Fayetteville State has a relatively small student to teacher ratio. Students are more than just a student identification number here. If you find you don't understand the work or that you don't get along with a particular instructor, talk with that instructor before taking any further measures. Everyone is entitled to a bad day now and then, or your difficulty may stem from a simple misunderstanding. Following the “chain of command” will preclude having to run back and forth between offices to resolve a difficult situation. If you are unsure what to do next, use your human resources: RAs, peer assistants, counselors, and others listed above to resolve your difficulty. They are there to help...use them.

Most of all, allow yourself to experience all of Fayetteville State and enjoy your college years. You are living the days that you will speak of fondly for the rest of your life; don't miss any of it! Don't forget to come out and support your school representatives at football, basketball, volleyball, and softball games, concerts conducted by the music department, art shows, plays, lectures by special guests, and special events such as Homecoming and the Broncofest. You can help us build a Fayetteville State that we can all be proud of, now and in the future. Be proud to be a Bronco!

Black Society

by Timothy Jessie



As we begin